

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 4 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 5-7 have been amended. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Liu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,567,273). However, the Examiner has indicated that claims 4-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has canceled claim 4 and included all of the limitations of canceled claim 4 into claim 1. Claims 5-7 have been amended to be dependent on claim 1. Therefore, the rejection is deemed moot and claims 1-3 and 5-7 are believed allowable.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted claims 1-3 and 5-7 are now in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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